

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation, and an abuse of their licenses.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. But when large companies control the vast portions of our airwaves, we get what's good for their bottom line and dangerous political demagoguery. Instead of something produced at "News Central" far away, it's important that we see real people from our own communities and actual news about issues that matter.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Thank you.